

THE  
ANSWER  
OF

Both Houses of Parliament,  
Presented to His Majestie at  
YORK, the ninth of May.

Concerning Sir *John Hothams* Refusall  
to give His Maieftie entrance into  
His Town of *Hull*.

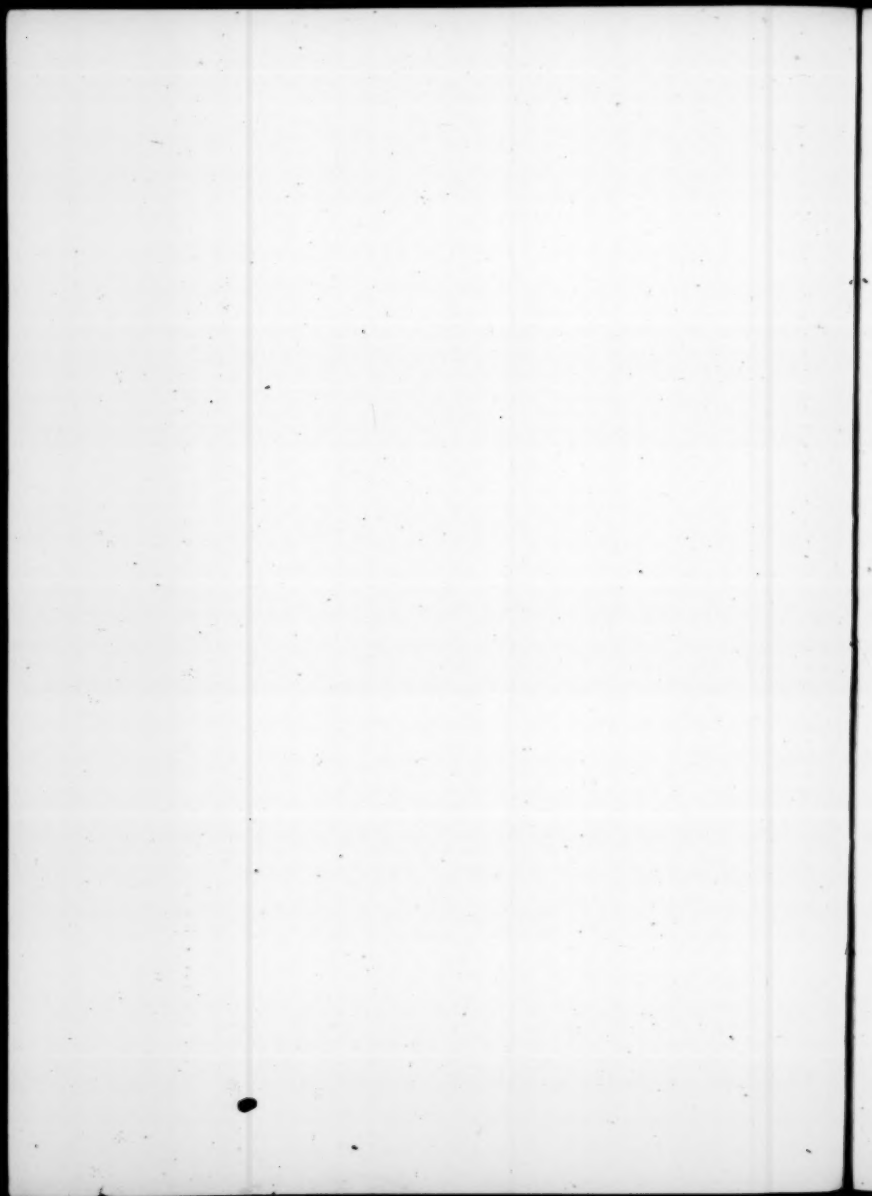
With His Majesties R E P L Y  
thereunto.



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by the Assignes of JOHN BILL.

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¶ The most humble Answer of  
the Lords and Commons in Parliament,  
to two Messages from His Sacred  
MAJESTIE,

Concerning Sir *John Hothams* Refusall to  
give Him entrance into the Town  
of HULL.

**Y** Our Majestie may be pleased  
to understand, That we, your  
great Councell, finding ma-  
nifold Evidences of the wick-  
ed Countels and Practises of some in neer  
Trust and Authority about you, to put  
the Kingdom into a Combustion, by  
drawing your Majestie into places of  
Strength, remote from your Parliament,  
and by exciting your People to Commo-  
tions, under pretence of serving your  
Majestie against your Parliament, Lest  
this Malignant Party, by the advantage  
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of the Town and Magazine of *Hull*, should be enabled to go, thorow, with their mischievous intentions, Did (in discharge of the great Trust that lies upon us, and by that Power, which in Cases of this Nature, recides in us) command the Town of *Hull* to be secured, by a Garrison of the adjoyning Train Bands, under the government of Sir *John Hotham*, requiring him to keep the same for the service of your Majesty and the Kingdom; wherein we have done nothing contrary to your Royall Sovereignty in that Town, or Legall Propriety in the Magazine.

Upon consideration of Sir *John Hothams* proceedings at your Majesties being there, wee have, upon very good grounds, adjudged, That he could not discharge the Trust upon which, nor make good the end for which he was placed in the Guard of that Town, and Magazine, if he had let in your Majestie, with such Councillors and Company as then were about You.

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Wherefore, upon full Resolution of both Houses, we have declared Sir *Iohn Hotham* to be cleer from that odious Crime of Treason; And have Avowed, That he hath therein done nothing but in Obedience to the Commands of both Houses of Parliament; Assuring our selues, That upon mature deliberation, your Majestie will not interpret his Obedience to such Authority, to be an Affront to your Majestie, or to be of that nature, as to require any Justice to be done upon him, or satisfaction to be made to your Majestie: But that you will see just cause of joyning with your Parliament, in preserving and securing the Peace of the Kingdom, suppressing this wicked and Malignant party, who by false colours and pretensions of maintaining your Maiesties Prerogative against the Parliament, (wherein they fully agree with the Rebels in *Ireland*) have been the causes of all our Distempers and Dangers.

For prevention whereof, we know no better Remedy, then settling the *Militia*

of the Kingdom, according to the Bill which we have sent your Maiestie, without any intention of deserting or declining the validity or obervance of that Ordinance which past both Houses, upon your Maiesties former refusall; But we still hold that Ordinance to be effectuall by the Laws of this Kingdom.

And we shall be exceeding glad, If your Maiestie, by approving these our Just, Durifull, and Necessary Proceedings, shall be pleased to entertain such Councell, as wee assure our selves (by Gods blessing) will prove very advantageous for the Honour and Greatnesse of your Maiestie, the safety and peace of your People, amongst which, we know none more likely to produce such good effects, then a Declaration from your Maiestie, of Your purpose to lay aside all thoughts of going into *Ireland*; And to make a speedy return into these parts, to be neer your Parliament. Which, as it is our most humble Desire, and earnest Petition, so shall it be seconded with our  
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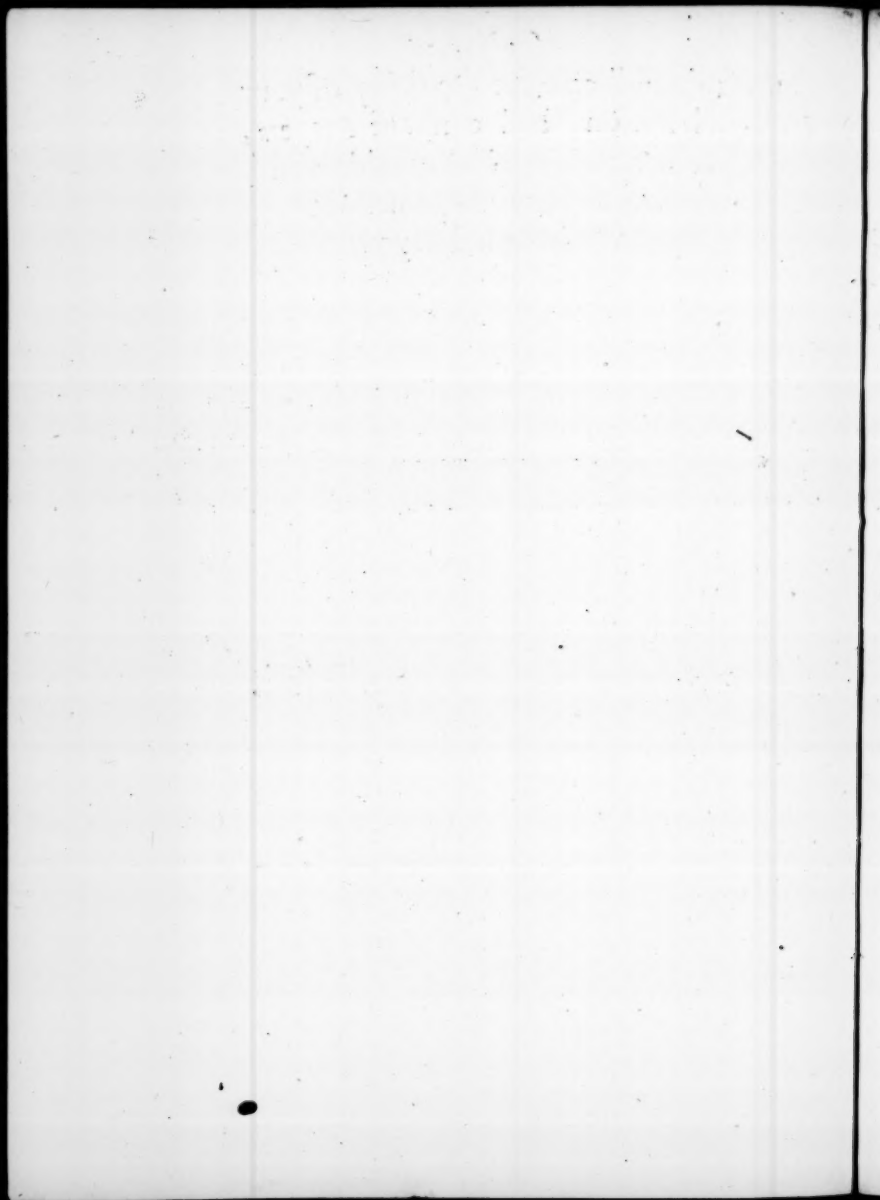
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most dutifull care for the safety of your  
Royall Person, and constant Prayers,  
That it may prove Honourable and  
Succesfull in the happinesse of  
your Maiestie and all your  
Kingdoms.

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10. Maii. 1642.

His Majesties Answer  
to the Petition of both Houses  
of Parliament.

Presented to Him the ninth of this  
Moneth, by the Lord *Ed. Howard*,  
Lord *Fairfax*, Sir *Hugh Cholmley*,  
Sir *Ph. Stapleton*, and  
Sir *H. Cholmley*.

**H**is Majestie was in  
good hope, that the  
Reason why you so  
long defer'd your An-  
swer to his Messages  
concerning Hull, was, That you  
might the better give him satisfac-  
tion therein, which now adds the  
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more to his astonishment, finding this Answer (after so long advisement) to be of that nature, which cannot but rather increase, then diminish the present Distractions, if constantly adhered unto by the Parliament: was it not too much, That his Majesties Town of Hull had a Garrison put into it, to the great charge of the Countrey and inconvenience to the poor Inhabitants, without his Majesties consent and approbation, under colour, at that time, of forraign Invasion, and apprehensions of the Popish party, but now the Reasons thereof must be enlarged with a scandall to his Majestie and his faithfull Servants, onely to bring in the more specious pretence for the abolishing of Sir John Horthams treasonable insolency?

His Majestie hath often heard of the great trust, that by God and Mans

Man's Law is committed to the King, for the defence and safety of his People, but as yet hath never understood what trust or power is committed to either, or both Houses of Parliament, Without the King; they being summoned to counsell and advise the King: but by what Law or Authority they possesse themselves of his Majesties proper Right and Inheritance, he is confident, that as they have not, so they cannot shew.

His Majestie, hitherto, hath not given the least interruption to publique Justice; But you, rather then suffer one of your Members to come so much as to a legall triall for the highest crime, Will make use of an Order of Parliament to countenance Treason, by declaring him free from that guilt which all former ages never accounted other; And that, without so much

as enquiring the opinion of the Judges; For his Majestie is confident, That you would have mentioned their opinion, if you had asked the same.

Therefore his Majestie expects, That upon further and better consideration, of the great and necessary consequence of the businesse of Hull, and seriously weighing how much this doth concern the peace and quiet of the Kingdom, you will (without further instance from his Majestie) give him full and speedy Justice against Sir John Horham; and he leaves all his good People to think what hope of Justice there is left for them, when you shall refuse or delay to give your own Sovereign satisfaction: And, as his Majesty hath already said, Till this be done, he will intend no businesse whatsoever, other then that of Ireland.

And

And his Majestie likewise expects, That in the way you have exprest in this your Answer, you will not put the Militia in execution, untill you can shew him by what Law you have authority to do the same without his consent, or if you do, hee is confident, that he shall finde much more Obedience, according to Law, then you against Law; and his Majestie shall esteem all those that shall obey you therein, to be Disturbers of the Peace of the Kingdom, and in due time call them legally to a strict accompt for the same.

As for Ireland, his Majestie refers you to his former Answer.

And lastly, Concerning his Return, he never heard, That the slandering of a Kings Government, and his faithfull Servants, the refusing of him Justice in a

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case of Treason, and the seeking to  
take away his undoubted and le-  
gall Authority, under the pretence  
of putting the Kingdom into a  
posture of Defence, Were Argu-  
ments to induce a King to  
come neer or hearken  
to his Parlia-  
ment.

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